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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY APPLYING A  
FLYING SPLICING TAPE TO A ROLL OF SHEET MATERIAL

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